

# MEETING OF THE CITY OF RUSHVILLE, INDIANA COMMON COUNCIL

SEPTEMBER 21, 2021

6:00 P.M.

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**CALL TO ORDER:** The Common Council of the City of Rushville met on the above date and time at 330 North Main Suite 200 Rushville, Indiana. Mayor Pavey called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

**PLEDGE TO THE FLAG:** The Pledge to the Flag was recited by those present.

**PRAYER:** Council President Berkemeier led those present in prayer.

**ROLL CALL:** Bob Bridges, Brad Berkemeier, Elton Marzon, Mike Daubenspeck, and Aaron Gurley answered roll call. Also present was City Attorney, Tracy Newhouse.

**PUBLIC HEARING: 2022 BUDGET** – The meeting was open for a public hearing regarding the 2022 budget. There were no questions or comments. Daubenspeck moved to close the public hearing. Berkemeier seconded the motion. The public hearing was closed.

**MINUTES:** Berkemeier moved to approve the September 7, 2021 minutes as presented. Bridges seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**MAYOR'S REPORT:** Mayor Pavey gave the following report:

1. We have had 4 READi meetings since the last Council meeting.
2. Budget meetings are also taking a lot of our time.
3. We continue to meet to discuss the Community Center. We want to make sure we have a relationship with the YMCA.
4. Getting close to wrapping up on the levee certification.
5. The handbook policy is getting close to wrapping up.
6. The Board of Works had their first utility meeting as a board on the 14<sup>th</sup>.
7. We had lunch on the 15<sup>th</sup> with representatives from Joyner Homes. We then took them on a tour.
8. Pavey said he would like to complement our departments and all those involved in any way with all of the many activities of this past weekend.
9. Monday we had the Southeastern Mayors' training.
10. September 25<sup>th</sup> will be the 50-year Trane open house.
11. Next Tuesday the 28<sup>th</sup> Council will have a meeting to review the 2022 budget. The meeting will be at 6:00 p.m.
12. September 29<sup>th</sup> there will be a Planning & Zoning town hall meeting.
13. Our next meeting will be Monday, Oct 4.

14. We have received a couple of complaints and I am not sure there is an easy fix. Robin Way which is near the Covered Bridge Motel needs some repairs. It appears on Beacon that it is not a dedicated road. The School and the City occasionally put gravel down. However, it appears to be on the County's inventory. We will continue to look into the matter.
15. We have been advised of an issue with vulgar language on flags hanging on porches. It appears though our research that attorneys say it is freedom of speech. We will try to mitigate the matter.
16. Thank you to the Fire and Street Departments for "touch a truck" over the weekend. It was a big hit.
17. Some bushes are getting out of hand on North Morgan Street making it difficult to walk on the sidewalk.

**CLERK-TREASURER'S REPORT:** Clerk-Treasurer Copley reported that the audit is going very well. They hope to conclude the audit by the end of the month.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT'S REPORT:** Council President Berkemeier said he emailed a report to Council with a lot of information. He said if anyone had any questions to feel free to contact him.

He attended the suicide prevention walk Sunday and said he applauds that group for the work they are doing.

He also attended the September 11 ceremony at East Hill.

Berkemeier reported that the Willkie Family is going after an OCRA grant to restore the Willkie residence. They are asking for letters of support to send in with the grant. Marzon moved to approve sending a letter of support from Council. Daubenspeck seconded the motion. Motion carried.

#### **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

- **READi Designation** – This is due at the end of this month. We have a meeting tomorrow.
- **Community Center** –
- **Amphitheater/Park Board** – The final concert was this past weekend.
- **Housing Boulder's Schedule** – This project continues to move forward. They will be starting on the first spec house soon.
- **Diversity & Inclusion Council – BTW Golf Outing Sept 25, 2021** – Marzon reminded everyone of the golf outing on the 25<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m.

#### **DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:**

**Fire** – Chief Munson said they will be interviewing 3 applicants for paramedic on Thursday.

**Park** – Director Burklow reported that the Board of Works approved to hire Zack Goodwin as a full-time employee at \$14.00 per hour.

They closed the splash pad for the season today.

They will be spraying 3 acres of the area for the prairie. This will leave a large dead area. They will do a dormant seeding for the prairie

**Police** – Approximately \$3,000.00 will go to the police department from the K9 golf outing.

**Utilities** - The City Utilities will begin flushing fire hydrants this Sunday.

**Animal** – The Board of Works approved the resignation of Morgan Breese effective October 29<sup>th</sup> and gave permission to open the hiring process.

**Street**- Heavy trash will be picked up next week Monday thru Wednesday.

**CITIZEN CONCERNS/COMMENTS:** None.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

1. **Reminder October Meeting Date 10/4/2021**
2. **Indiana READi Regional Application – “Accelerate Rural Indiana”.**
  - a. Final Draft Review of Proposal (E.O.M.)
  - b. Advisory Committee
  - c. Interlocal Agreements
3. **Annexation of Former Wal-Mart Retention/Detention Pond – Ordinance 2021-19 –**  
Next meeting.
4. **North Washington Street Developer RFP** – Russell Brown is moving forward.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. **INTAT SB1** - Not ready.
  - a. Declaratory Resolution 2021-26 –
  - b. Public Hearing –
  - c. Confirmatory Resolution 2021-27 –
2. **Resolution 2021-25 Animal Control Transfer** – Berkemeier moved to approve Resolution 2021-25. Marzon seconded the motion. Motion carried.
3. **Resolution 2021-30 Assigning Command Authority- Determine call for Evacuation during a State of Emergency** – Gurley moved to approve Resolution 2021-30. Daubenspeck seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**COVID-19 UPDATE:** Mayor Pavey said this continues to occupy a lot of our minds and thoughts. People still need to get vaccinated. This strain seems to affect younger people.

**CLAIMS AND MONTHLY BANK RECONCILIATION** – Gurley moved to approve the claims as presented. Marzon seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**ITEMS NOT KNOWN IN ADVANCE:** None.

**ADJOURN:** There was no further business to come before Council; Berkemeier moved to adjourn. Daubenspeck seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 6:27 p.m.